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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROBE ON UPGRADING OF FRANCO-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS

1. MFA SOURCE TELLS US THAT THE FRANCO-CZECHOSLOVAK MIXED COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 9 MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MEETS THE EYE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE FRENCH DELEGATION, HEADED BY MFA SECRETARY OF STATE OLIVIER STIRN, WILL TELL THE CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT FRANCE HAS NO DESIRE TO PURSUE A TWO-TIER OR THREE-TIER POLICY IN EASTERN EUROPE, RELEGATING PRAGUE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. ON THE CONTRARY, FRANCE IS PREPARED FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT IN EXCHANGE WOULD EXPECT LESS HEAT FROM PRAGUE ON FRENCH POLICY IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

2. IF THOSE ARE THE TERMS OF THE TRADEOFF, IT
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SOUNDS TO US A LITTLE NAIVE FROM THE FRENCH POINT OF VIEW. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE DELEGATION'S RETURN TO SEE IF THE FRENCH GO ANYWHERE.

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